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In re Appln. of: Toru KUCHIMARU
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Sir:
Attached is/are:

- ☒ First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (in duplicate)
- ☒ Form PTO 1449
- ☒ Copies of 12 cited references
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard.

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FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicant hereby cites the following reference(s):

FOREIGN DOCUMENTS

DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY
JP-A-52-23159	02/1977	JAPAN
JP-A-U-55-6571	1980	JAPAN
JP-A-U-60-142827	09/1985	JAPAN
JP-A-U-61-111031	07/1986	JAPAN
JP-A-U-63-135521	09/1988	JAPAN
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OTHER ART

Official Action of Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-306363, with full English translation, dated September 21, 2006, 6 pages.

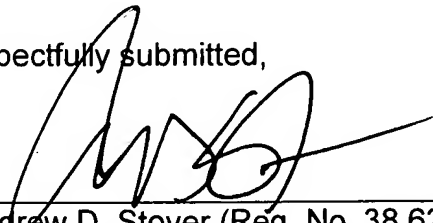
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Applicant is enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). Pursuant to the undersigned attorney's obligation and duties under C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.98(a)(3), English translations of the Abstracts of Japanese References JP-A-6-174999, JP-A-10-3675, JP-A-11-231201, JP-A-2002-131611 and JP-A-2002-354332, partial English translations for JP-A-52-23159M JP-A-U-55-6571, JP-A-U-60-142827, JP-A-U-61-111031 and JP-A-U-63-135521, and a partial English translation of "3.5 Molding Technology" excerpted from "The manual of plastic-processing technique, new edition, 2nd issue," pp. 171-173, July 30, 1975, *Nikkan-Kogyo Shinbun*, edited by the council for editing the manual of plastic-processing technique, and a full English translation of the Official Action of Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-306363, dated September 21, 2006, are provided for the express purpose of providing concise explanations of those references to the Examiner and the USPTO with opportunity to evaluate the same. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's consideration of the above reference(s) and entry thereof into the record of this application.

By submitting this Statement, Applicant is attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

Applicant has calculated no fee to be due in connection with the filing of this Statement. However, the Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency associated with the filing of this Statement to a deposit account, as authorized in the Transmittal accompanying this Statement.

Respectfully submitted,



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	B10	JP-A-2002-354332	12/2002	JAPAN	Abstract only

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